Information—ill-health—Heads of Administration.

367. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the practice obtained under modern Governments to give information to the people whenever the heads of the administration by whatever name they be called, are in ill-health?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—Not in ill-health but when seriously ill.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government of Cochin has been following such a practice?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—We are doing it now.

C. M. & S. O.'s buildings at Ernakulam.

368. Mr.C.A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer owns some buildings in Ernakulam ;

if so, how many;

for what rent are they let out?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Two.

Rs. 40 and Rs. 25.

Quarters for the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

369. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state what were the special considerations which induced them to provide quarters for the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No special considerations. From the time a separate officer was appointed as the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer quarters have been provided for him just like officers in charge of all hospitals in the State, such as Women and Children's Hospital, Mattancheri, Maternity Hospital, Trichur, Mental Hospital, Trichur, Hospital at Kunnamkulam, Chalakkudi, Chittur, Nemmara, Cranganur, Irinjalakkuda, Vadakkancheri, etc.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I not right in thinking that the several cases stated in the answer referred to, are of persons who live near the hospitals and are constantly in touch with the hospitals except the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer—cases such as Women and Children's Hospital, Maternity Hospital, etc? All these persons are living almost in the hospitals and have always to be in touch with the hospitals. Their quarters are next to the hospital.

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Quarters were provided for the purpose of work in the hospital.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I not right in thinking that it is for the purpose of working in the hospitals or, to put it more plainly, to meet emergent cases that may arise in the hospitals?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The Chief Medical Officer lives a mile and a half away from the General Hospital at Ernakulam.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is only six furlongs.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—There are other men living in the hospital in Ernakulam itself in buildings attached to the General Hospital.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are subordinate officers.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I not right in thinking that the provision for quarters was made at a time when the officers to whom such concessions were extended were all Europeans, like Messrs. Brown, Davies, Combes and Browning?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Dr. Combes' successor was also living there.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is there no other provision made than by calling the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to meet emergent cases that arise in the General Hospital at Ernakulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are sometimes Civil Surgeons.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is in charge of the General Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—He is also in charge.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How many persons are in charge?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Civil Surgeon is in charge of the hospital and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is to supervise it.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who is in direct charge of the hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The Civil Surgeon is in direct charge.

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